The development of Tourism in each State is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. Accordingly, the Govt, of Andhra Pradesh have also announced certain incentives for development of Tourism in the State, like tax holiday on Sales Tax, investment subsidy, etc.

दूरदर्शन पर प्रसारित होने वाले धारावाहिक

2879. श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय: क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान, दूरदर्शन पर कौन-कौन से धारावाहिक प्रसारित किए गए हैं, जिन्हें सर्वाधिक सफलता मिली है और जिनसे सरकार ने राजस्व का अर्जन किया है; और

(ख) सरकार द्वारा इन धारावाहिकों से अर्जित आय का ब्यौरा क्या है?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री सी.एम. इब्राहिम): (क) और (ख) डी.डी.-1 और डी.डी.-2 पर प्रसारित धारावाहिकों के नाम और 1993-94, 1994-95 एवं 1995-96 के दौरान अर्जित राजस्व का ब्यौरा निम्नानुसार है:-

(लाख रुपयों में)

दूरदर्शन धारावाहिक	पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान अर्जित राजस्व
चन्द्रकान्ता डी.डी.-1	3710.00
सुपरहिट मुकाबला डी.डी.-2	3402.06
जुनून डी.डी.-1 और डी.डी.-2	2220.33
श्रीकृष्ण डी.डी.-2	1689.41
एक से बढ़कर एक डी.डी.-1	0830.69

Provisions regarding acceptance of Gifts in Banks

2880. SHRI G.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the provisions regarding acceptance of gifts by the award Staff/Clerks in the Banks;

(b) whether award Staff/Clerks can be suspended for accepting a gift and if so, details thereof, Bank-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether award Staff/Clerks can be suspended on 'suspicion' of his alleged involvement in a bank fraud and kept under suspension without serving charge-sheet on him; and

(d) if so, within how much period of the suspension the charge-sheet required to be issued and if the same is not issued what safeguards are available to the employees?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d)The public sector banks have reported that there are no provisions regarding acceptance of gifts by the award staff/ clerks in the Bipartite Settlements by which the service conditions of award staff/clerks are governed. However, giving or taking bribe or illegal gratification from a customer or an employee of the bank is termed as gross misconduct under clause 19.S (K) of the Bipartite Settlement dated 19.10.1966.

Award Staff/Clerks can be suspended if there is a primafacie case of his alleged involvement in bank fraud, and on investigation if bis continuing in suspension is not found warranted, the same can be revoked. Although no period is stipulated for issuing a chargesheet, it should be issued expeditiously without undue delay. There is no provision for automatic revocation of suspension. The suspended employee is, however, eligible for subsistence allowance under the rules and if the departmental enquiry by the bank is not completed within the period of one year of suspension, the employee gets pay and allowances unless the delay is due to the reasons attributable to the concerned suspended employees or his representatives.

Information received from 17 of the 27 public sector banks reveals that no award staff/ clerk has been suspended on the charge of acceptance of gifts.

New methods to raise revenues

2881. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to raise revenues if expenditures rose faster than expected;

(b) if so, what new methods would be adopted to raise revenue after the presentation of General Budget this year;

(c) the details thereof; and

(d) to what extent the common people in the country would not be affected by raising additional revenues?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Government's intention is to limit its expenditure to within the anticipated resources.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Policy decision regarding alternative scheme on resource sharing

* 2882. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN:
SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any policy decision regarding alternative scheme on resource sharing as recommended by the 10th Finance Commission so as to enable the States to get a share out of the Customs and Corporation Tax receipts which presently are not in the divisive pool; and

(b) if this recommendation is implemented from 1st April, 1996, how much additional finance will accrue to the States during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b)The alternative scheme of devolution which will entail Constitutional amendment will require consultation with States before a final decision can be taken. As such, the question of assessing additional finance accruing to the States does not arise.

Complaints regarding rates of interest on credit cards

2883. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints about charging of exorbitant rates of interest on users of credit cards issued by foreign banks;

(b) whether Government are considering any proposal for surveying the functioning of these banks with a view to safeguarding interest of poor and lower middle class people of the country;

(c) whether Government are contemplating a cheaper and better alternative to card-using sections of society; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that it has received a few complaints regarding high interest rates being charged by foreign banks in relation to credit card operations.

RBI has further intimated that interest is levied by banks when the card holder fails to make payment of his bills, in respect of purchases made or other operations on the basis of the credit cards by the due dates. Further, since the customer is expected to be aware of the terms and conditions, before enrolling as a credit card holder, RBI does not intervene in such matters.

Setting up a full fledged Cargo Complex at Calicut

2884. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposal for setting up a full fledged Air Cargo Complex with facilities for customs clearance at Calicut is pending before Government; and

(b) if so, what is its present stage and when clearance for it is expected?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CM. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An area of approximately 1710 sq.m. has been identified for the establishment of an integrated cargo terminal at Calicut Airport at an estimated cost of Rs. 67.50 lakhs.which will become operational by August, 1998. Till this facility is commissioned, as an interim measure, the recently vacated domestic arrival hall will be converted as an export shed/ outbound domestic cargo area with facilities for customs examination and screehiqg of cargo by January, 1997.